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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTER BROUWER

1. AGRICULTURAL MINISTER BROUWER ANNOUNCED SEPT 27 HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE OF HEALTH REASONS. FIFTY-SIX YEAR OLD BROUWER, ONE OF FOUR CATHOLIC PEOPLES' PARTY (KVP) MEMBERS IN CABINET, HAD SERIOUS BRAIN OPERATION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE SAID DOCTORS HAD ADVISED HIM HIS MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WERE BECOMING TOO HEAVY AND THEREFORE HE HAD TAKEN DECISION TO RESIGN RATHER THAN LOSE HEALTH. BROUWER, WHOSE MINISTERIAL CANDIDACY HAD BEEN PROMOTED BY CATHOLIC FARMERS ORGANIZATIONS, WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER CATHOLIC MINISTER. AMONG POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS ARE: MAYOR KOLFSCHOTEN OF LEIDSCHENDAM AND SECOND CHAMBER MEMBERS VAN AMELSVOORT

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AND BAN SCHAIK. DURING SEARCH FOR SUCCESSOR AGRICULTURE

PORTFOLIO WILL BE IN HANDS OF INTERIOR MINISTER DE GAAY FORTMAN
OF THE ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

2. COMMENT: BROUWER LEAVES CABINET AFTER LESS THAN FIVE
MONTHS AND BEFORE HE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PUT HIS OWN STAMP ON
MINISTRY. AGRICULTURE BUDGET STILL HAS TO BE PRESENTED.
THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO TAKE BROUWER'S EXPLANATION
OF HIS RESIGNATION FACE VALUE. CHOICE OF HIS SUCCESSOR
MAY GIVE KVP INTERNAL PROBLEMS BUT SHOULD NOT CAUSE THE
DEN UYL CABINET POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES.
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